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WATER SUPPLY CHANGED FOLLOWING CHEMICAL DETECTION

At the recommendation of the State Department of Health Services (DHS), new water supplies have been provided for some 350 Sacramento County commercial and industrial water customers along Sunrise Boulevard in Rancho Cordova. The action was taken following the detection of perchlorate in two County wells.

Perchlorate is not among those chemicals for which DHS requires testing, but the Department does consider the chemical to be "suspect".

The chemical was discovered during specialized testing conducted by Aerojet, and the purveyors were notified on February 11. DHS did not require or recommend any immediate action.

There is no current risk standard for perchlorate, although the Environmental Protection Agency is reviewing toxicity data, particularly regarding any potential affect on thyroid activity in infants and young children. Perchlorate is scheduled for further status review by the EPA later this month.

Affected customers of the Sacramento County Water District will be individually notified within a few days. For further information on water supply, County customers may call 875-5555.

Those seeking additional information regarding ammonium perchlorate and its potential health affects should call DHS or their physician.

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